

REMARKS

Prior to this Amendment and Response, claims 1-10, 12-16, 18-23 and 26-33 were pending in the application. By this Amendment and Response, no claims are canceled, amended, or added. Accordingly, claims 1-10, 12-16, 18-23 and 26-33 remain pending in the application.

Objections to the Specification

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the Specification for informalities in the Cross Reference to Related Application. The Applicant has amended the Cross Reference to Related Application and Reference to Prior Application sections to cite to other related applications associated with the present application. Accordingly, the amendments merely clarify relationships with other applications. Entry of the amendment is requested and is believed to overcome the Examiner's objection.

Claim Rejections under Doctrine of Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

Claims 1-10, 12-16, 18-23 and 26-33 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting based on U.S. Patent No. 6,668,308. No prior art rejection was made with respect to these claims. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully includes herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the double patenting rejection and allowance of claims 1-10, 12-16, 18-23 and 26-33.

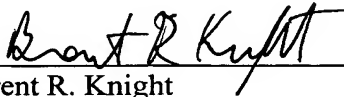
Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of all of the Examiner's rejections and objections. Furthermore, the Applicant asserts that an indication of allowability of claims 1-10, 12-16, 18-23 and 26-33 is

appropriate. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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